



## From Pastor Bill

Summertime is for me the best time of the year. I love the warmth. I love the activities on the lakes. I love the vibrancy of our downtown. I love the opportunity to socialize. I love cycling all over the place without the need to be dressed in many layers. For me, summer is the “most wonderful time of the year.”

It's a different time of the year for the church. Our schedule changes. Sunday worship starts earlier (10:00 a.m.) We have fewer educational opportunities—no faith formation on Sunday morning, no Wednesday night programming, no men's and women's breakfasts. Our ministry teams tend to meet less often.

Church life looks different during the summer, and from my perspective, that difference makes it possible for us to connect to the church in different ways. Vacation Bible School (June 19-22) is a great opportunity for some summer education refreshment. We offer classes for children and adults. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Why not also take advantage of our Thursday noon Bible study? Perhaps your schedule is freer in the summer, and you can spend about an hour focusing on the Biblical texts for worship.

If I could nudge you to do one thing during the summer in relationship to the church, it would be to commit yourself to socializing with other members of the church. Invite them over to your house for a meal. Go out to dinner with them. Participate in a Dinner with Friends group. Plan events that you can share with other members of the church and with folks who aren't a part of our community of faith. Worship regularly, attending our Thursday evening service at 6:00 p.m., if you will be gone on the weekend. You might make new friends there.

Summer is also a good time to commit yourself to acts of service. Our church will be participating in the Adopt-a-Highway program this year. Once during the summer and once during the fall we will be helping clean up portions of M-120. How about joining us? How about focusing some of your attention on the folks who can't be with us in-person. Visiting those who are confined to their homes or institutions would be an excellent summer discipline.

Enjoy the summer. Make it a chance to further build the community of faith that we treasure so much.



## From Pastoral Assistant Paula

Many of you know by now that summer is one of my favorite seasons. The trees are in full bloom, flowers are strutting their colors and fresh fruit and vegetables are making their way from farm to market to my table. Creation yields so many gifts during this time. The beach also beckons my name; however, it beckons my name in any season! I love to walk along the shores of Lake Michigan as the perpetual motion of lapping waves creates a rhythmic motion that is soothing to the soul. The warm sand and all the curious items it holds speaks of washed up memories, withered wood and an urgent call to humanity for restoration of the land and sea. Yes, a call. A call for all of us to rally and be a part of the restoration process and I have a great way for us to begin: **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme this year is *Operation Restoration*. The curriculum is rooted in a mending theme: mending our own connections to God, mending relationships with others, and mending God's creation. As we engage the children with these restoration principles during the week of VBS, I would encourage you to gaze at creation and see where you can lend a "mending" hand. I would encourage you to spend time building relationships or "mending fences" and be purposeful on spending more time nurturing your faith and staying grounded in the "Living Word."

Summer is a great way to recharge and refresh after a busy year of jam-packed schedules, but it's also time to be a part of restoring God's creation. It is my hope and prayer that many of you will participate in VBS, as a volunteer or as a participant in Pastor Bill's adult class. Let us use the summer season to discover simple ways to live out our faith as "Menders of Creation!"

Paula

### Vacation Bible School

**Dates:** June 19 - 22

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. dinner  
6:00-8:00 p.m. programming

*See Paula for details on how you can help! We need all ages and stages to fulfill this vital ministry!*

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Phone: 231.343.2644

## Breakfast Benefit: Dar Al-Kalima Lutheran School Bethlehem Palestine

*Debby's Famous French Toast will be served!*

**Save the date!!! June 11 @ Noon!!!**

Breakfast will be available for pick-up or dine in

Suggested donation: \$10

\*Note: Video footage from the Holy Land will be on a loop for those dining inside

Dar Al-Kalima School serves students K-12 and is supported by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and Holy Land. Students of all abilities are welcome in the school community. In addition to core subject areas, Dar Al-Kalima curriculum integrates peace education/culture, reinforces democracy and encourages tolerance, co-existence, love, and respect towards others. Money donated will offset tuition costs and provide needed supplies for the 2023-2024 school year.

If you have any questions or would like to consider a donation or donation match, please contact

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## Take Me Out To The Ballgame!



Come to the Whitecaps game Sunday, June 11. Please sign up at either information station. *You must RSVP as soon as possible* so we can get a block of seats.

We will meet in the Gallery after worship. Participants are encouraged to order lunch from the breakfast benefit for the Dar-Al-Kalima Lutheran School (suggested donation \$10.00). We will need to leave by 12:45; game time is 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per ticket and we plan to take the church bus.

Contact Deb Roest or Diane Kroll for more information.



## **FIRST KIDS** (PRE-K—2ND GRADE)

## **KIDVENTURES** (3RD—5TH GRADE)



June 10th from 6:00—8:00 p.m. First Littles and Kidventures will be meeting by the bonfire for s'mores and games!

Kicking off summer vacation together!

In July we will have a water fun day for First Littles. Watch upcoming announcements for date and time!



## **HS / MS** **YOUTH GROUPS**

### **MS and HS Bonfire**

June 4th 6:30 p.m.

Snacks Provided

Youth and parents: join us for a discussion about some summer activity ideas, availability and some fun games!



### **MS and HS Youth Escape Room Trip**

June 16th

Bamboozled Escape Room in Hart  
Dinner at Church at 6:00, leaving approximately 6:30 p.m.



### **MS and HS Youth Outdoor Activity**

July 9th

More details to come!



*Thanks to Dave and Theresa Buchan  
who assembled the May Chimes.*







## Our kids can be menders of the universe!

But, you think, they're just kids! How can they be menders of the whole universe? At Operation Restoration, they will practice being universe menders, because that's exactly how God made all of us. Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their mending powers at Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School!

**Place: First Lutheran Muskegon**

**Dates: June 19 - 22**

**Time: 5:30 pm dinner; 6:00 - 8:00 pm programming.**

All kids who have completed grades PK through 5 are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to be menders of God's creation.

To sign up, stop by the Vacation Bible School registration table, call 231-744-1522, send an email to [paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org](mailto:paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org) or visit our website at [www.firstlutheranmuskegon.org](http://www.firstlutheranmuskegon.org) - use QR code

## See you at Operation Restoration VBS!

## Introducing our Green Team!

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;*  
Psalm 24:1

**Our Mission:** We will strive to be good and faithful stewards of all of God's creation by becoming fully aware of the many environmental stresses on our planetary ecosystems. With this foundation, we will work diligently to help alleviate these impacts through individual and collective efforts.

Through thoughtful prayer and pastoral guidance, the First Lutheran Green Team will:

- Study environmental impact issues and help educate our congregation in those areas where we can take collective remedial action in our life together and in our individual lives.
- Provide an array of opportunities for energy savings, recycling, health and nutrition choices, and public advocacy, to care for our precious planet.
- Connect with and leverage resources of external advocacy groups in an effort to educate ourselves and join forces where appropriate.

In 2022, we started a "Green Team" as an extension of our Stewardship ministry. Last April, we hosted a Beach Clean-up at Muskegon Beach. Nine volunteers collected over 10 pounds of trash in less than two hours!

Now we have reconvened to establish a list of program priorities for summer and early fall:

- **Solar Panel Project.** You may have noticed solar panels installed on the church roof and in front of our reader sign on Whitehall Road. Once the supply-chain-delayed inverter arrives, we will begin generating energy from our church building! In the meantime, we plan to dedicate the Solar Panels during a celebration on Sunday, June 18, following the worship service. Plan now to attend this event to learn more about the program!
- **Adult Vacation Bible School.** This year's adult VBS will focus on a "green" theme. Details will be available soon! VBS is June 19 - 22, 2023, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Adopt-A-Highway.** We are applying to MDOT to adopt a section of roadway near the church. We will host two clean-up events as prescribed by our commitment to this program: Saturday, July 15, and Sunday, October 1, as part of our annual service day, "God's Work - Our Hands."
- **PaperGator Recycling and Fundraising Program.** We are exploring adding a PAPERGATOR® bin in the church parking lot. Paper placed in the PAPERGATOR® bin is recycled within a few weeks of it being collected into environmentally friendly pet and lawncare products right here in West and Mid Michigan.

The Green Team will explore additional program ideas to begin in the fall and winter. If you are interested in serving on the Green Team or have suggestions for future programs, please contact Beth Milligan ([bethmilliganapr@gmail.com](mailto:bethmilliganapr@gmail.com)) at 740-739-1093.





- **Solar Dedication**—June 18 during our worship service
- **Road Clean Up**—July 15 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Golf outing**—July 22 8:00
- **Church triathlon**— Aug 27 after worship at the Meads home on Bear Lake
  - ♦ ¼ mile swim ♦ 11 mile bike ♦ 2 mile run
  - Teams can be formed, with individuals doing one or two parts of the race
  - See Pastor Bill for info
  - It's time to start training!
- **Concerts in Walker Park** in North Muskegon
  - Aug 2 at 7:00 p.m. West Side Soul Surfers to benefit Citi Boi Ministries
  - Aug 23 at 7 :00 p.m. Steeple Hill Band to benefit North Muskegon Music Booster
- **Marriage Retreat**—October 20-22 in Grand Rapids.
  - Hotel rooms: 135 per night
  - Set aside this time to nurture your marriage

## Keepers

**Ken Kadrovich**  
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**Keith Stapel**  
1228 Lawrence St  
Muskegon, MI 49442

**Wally Tallent**  
Hillcrest Nursing & Rehab  
Community  
695 Mitzi Dr.  
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**Dave and Pat Walborn**  
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Spring Lake, MI 49456

**Mary Warden**  
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## Official Acts



### Deaths

*Dan Cassidy*

Date of Birth: 11-26-1949

Date of Death: 4-28-2023

*Alta Breunsbach*

Date of Birth: 8-11-1932

Date of Death: 5-2-2023

### Confirmation

5-7-2023

*Piper Sweet*

*Owen Rop*

## Weekly Offerings

### Week ending 4/2/23

General Fund: \$7,642.16

Building Enhancement Fund: \$330.00

Dollar-A-Day (for new bus): \$212.00

Building Rent: \$64.00

### Week ending 4/9/2023

General Fund: \$13,787.65

Building Enhancement: \$370.00

Building Rent: \$1,376.00

Dollar-A-Day (for new bus): \$875.00

### Week ending 4/16/23

General Fund: \$12,686.62

Building Enhancement: \$135.00

Building Rent: \$346.00

Noisy Offering (for McLaughlin Grows): \$217.38

### Week ending 4/23/23

General Fund: \$7,389.48

Building Enhancement: \$485.00

Building Rent: \$300.00

Noisy Offering (for McLaughlin Grows): \$196.15

### Week ending 4/30/23

General Fund: \$3,795.22

Building Enhancement: \$195.00

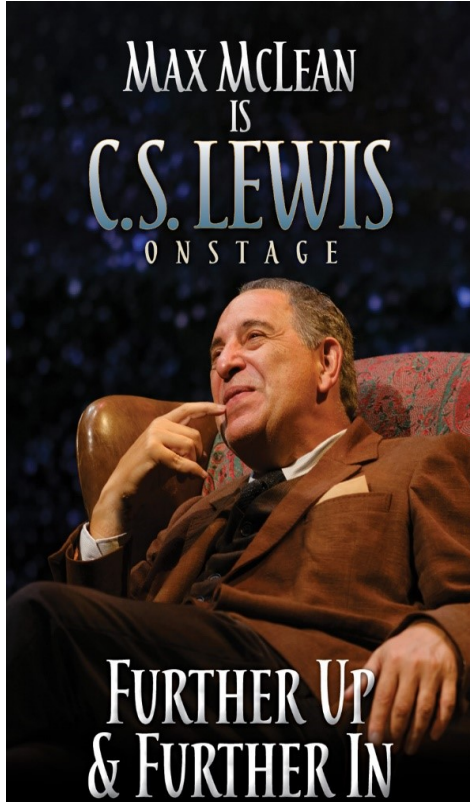
Building Rent: \$243.00

Noisy Offering (for McLaughlin Grows): \$222.83



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Weekly Scripture Readings</b>
6/4	Gen 1:1-2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13, Matt 28:16-20
6/11	Hosea 5:15-6:6, Ps 50:7-15 Rom 4:13-25, Matt 9:9-13, 16-26
6/18	Exod 19:2-8a, Ps 100 Rom 5:1-8, Matt 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
6/25	Jer 20:7-13, Ps 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Rom 6:1b-11, Matt 10:24-39
7/2	Jer 28:5-9, Ps 89:1-4, 15-18 Rom 6:19-23, Matt 10:40-42
7/9	Zech 9:9-12, Ps 145:8-14 Rom 7:15-25a, Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
7/16	Isa 55:10-13, Ps 65:[1-8] 9-13 Rom 8:1-11, Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
7/23	Isa 44:6-8, Ps 86:11-17 Rom 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 30-43
7/30	1 Kings 3:5-12, Ps 119:129-136 Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52





Award-winning actor Max McLean's tour de force performance captures C.S. Lewis' magnetic personality, astonishing eloquence and laugh-out-loud wit to create an onstage experience venturing deep into the soul of one of the most influential thinkers of the past century.

Don't miss this mesmerizing one-of-a-kind stage experience that promises to take you further up and further in the heart and mind of C.S. Lewis.

**June 24, 2023**  
**DeVos Performance Hall**

Visit  
<https://fpatheatre.com/tour/csl2-grand-rapids/>  
 for tickets



Muskegon County Garden Club  
 presents:  
*"Through the Fairy Doors"*  
 Garden Walk



A Tour of 7 gardens, all in Norton Shores

**Saturday, July 1st. 2023**

10 am - 3 pm, Rain or Shine

Tickets: \$10 in advance at

The Bird House in North Muskegon &  
 Muskegon Convention & Visitor's  
 Center "Depot"

*Tickets sold at each Garden July 1st*



EARTH FAIRY

*Refreshments available*



#### Gardens

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1. 1010 Seminole Road "Breena.....Fairylnd"
  2. 3940 Harbor Breeze Drive "Ainsley.....Fairy Meadow"
  3. 3975 Harbor Breeze Drive "Liayda....Water Fairy"
  4. 5335 Davis Road "Shayla.....Fairy Palace"
  5. 1175 Briarwood Ct. "Tucca..... Imaginative"
  6. 241 Boulder "Fayette... Little Fairy"
  7. 6913 Westshire "Olette.... Winged One"

## Chimes Articles

Articles and information for the Chimes should be submitted via email to Rhonda Smith at [rhondak33@comcast.net](mailto:rhondak33@comcast.net) or placed in her mail box next to the church offices no later than the **15th of the month.**

## June Birthdays!

1	Amy Badley	14	Robert Metiva	22	Annette Jack Mary Will
4	Dawn Shank Josh Will Erin Finn	15	Rodney Gallo Mackenzie Wheeler	23	Isabelle Freeland
6	Thomas Kanaar	16	Thu Le Larry Loch	24	Debra Wosinski
8	Anne Schalow Jeffrey Cooke	17	Kathleen Cobler Stephanie Tyler	26	Dan Januska
9	Bill Peterson Sandy Fluharty	18	Mercedes Schlager	29	Jim Faulknor
11	Terry Henry Mary Burnell	19	Joan Cottrell Stan Huey	30	David Plekes Linda Sahlhoff Timothy Staudacher Bridget O'Connor
12	Roger Barber Dee Barber Jim Elliott Ed Redline	20	Jerry Sharlow Craig Studeman Lisa Ziemelis		

## July Birthdays!

1	Judith Dix Susan Besteman	13	Joel Dulyea	25	Jim Borushko Amber Thomas
2	Josie Thomas Alicia Alger	14	Pat Sharlow	26	Dennis DeVries Jessica Dibble
3	Rhonda Sweet David Kleis Sean O'Connor	15	Pamela Sharlow Bryson Bleich	27	Sandy DeVries
6	Gage Lowry Ryan Glavich Lisa Frey Kevin Giles	16	Jennie Trulsen	29	Liam Simons
8	Sandy Young Erin Cihos Stan Burnell Diane Madej	17	Layla Giles	31	Cheryl Parmeter
10	Cade Paugh	18	Stanley Daszko		
11	Thomas Sutton	19	Lottie Will Joel Westerholm		
12	Sam Gallo John Rodriguez Jane Horton	20	Justin Meloche		
		22	Carl Luther Tyler Rop Tea Schlager		
		23	Jack Gilbert Ron Peel		
		24	Jackie Stapel		



# June 2023

Stony Lake Camp

# First Lutheran Church

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Dollar-A-Day</b> 10:00AM-In-Person Worship/ Graduation Sunday 10:00AM-Online Worship 7:00PM-AA Meeting	5:00PM-P.E.O Group 5:45PM-Chair Yoga 6:00PM-Overeaters Anonymous 7:00PM-AA Meeting 7:00PM-Cardio Drumming Class	<b>Independence Day            Office Closed            Bulletin Deadline</b> 9:00PM-Compline	9:00AM-Pickleball 9:00AM-Pickleball 6:00PM-Junction Trail Meeting	12:00PM-Bible Study (In-Person & Zoom) 6:00PM-Worship 7:00PM-Cardio Drumming Class	7:00PM-AA Meeting	8
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Appalachian Service Trip						
23 10:00AM-In-Person Worship 10:00AM-Online Worship 7:00PM-AA Meeting	24 12:00PM-Red Cross Blood Drive 5:45PM-Chair Yoga 6:00PM-Overeaters Anonymous 7:00PM-AA Meeting 7:00PM-Cardio Drumming Class	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 9:00AM-Pickleball 9:00AM-Seniors Helping Our Parish (SHOP) 3:00PM-Burnished Brass Rehearsal 5:45PM-Gentle Soul Yoga 9:00PM-Compline	26 9:00AM-Pickleball	27 12:00PM-Lectonary Bible Study 6:00PM-Worship	28 7:00PM-AA Meeting	29 11:00AM-Linda Cates Memorial Service
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